



LLANDOVERY BOROUGH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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TO: The Mayor and Councillors of the Borough of Llandovery.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Members,

I beg to present my fifteenth Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 1966.

It was another good year for Public Health in the Borough, ^{and} the Registrar General's mid-year estimated population remained at 1990. There were fewer births but the same number of deaths. The small number of births made some of the mortality rates appear very high.

The second half of this report has been prepared by Mr. H. Thomas the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, who has since left the Borough. I wish to thank him for his ready co-operation in the work of the Department and to wish him well in his new appointment.

I also wish to thank the Clerk and Miss Lewis and the Aldermen and members of the Council for their interest and support in the work of the Health Department.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

G. M. Herbert,

Medical Officer of Health,



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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area.	1,266 acre
Population	1,990
Rateable Value	48,748
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	675..
Number of Inhabited Houses	...	...	...	609
Number of Unhabited Houses	...	...	...	20
Number of Council Houses completed during the year				Nil
Number of Private Houses completed during the year				One

VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Births and Deaths.</u>				<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total.</u>
<u>Live Births.</u>						
Legitimate	...	...	...	11	8	19
Illegitimate	...	...	...	1	1	2
				<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>21</u>

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births.

Llandovery	...	...	...	9.52%
Carmarthenshire	...	...	...	4.62%
England and Wales	...	...	...	- -

BIRTH RATES. per 1,000 estimated population.

Llandovery	...	...	...	10.55
Carmarthenshire	...	...	...	13.85
England and Wales	...	...	...	17.7

STILL BIRTHS. This year there was one male still birth in this area.

Still Birth Rates per 1,000 live and still births.

Llandovery	...	...	...	45.45
Carmarthenshire	...	...	...	18.4
England and Wales	...	...	...	15.4

INFANT MORTALITY This year there was one infant death in the Borough, a female.

	<u>Llandovery</u>	<u>C.C.C.</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
<u>Rates per 1,000 total Births</u>			
Early Neonatal - under 1 week	0.0	9.59	11.1
Neonatal - under 1 month	0.0	11.77	11.1
Infant mortality - under 1 year	47.61	15.69	12.9
Perinatal mortality - still births and early neonatal per 1,000 live and still births.	45.45	27.81	26.3

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There were no maternal deaths resulting from pregnancy or childbirth.

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births.

Llandovery	...	...	...	0.0.
Carmarthenshire	...	...	...	0.0
England and Wales	...	...	...	0.2

DEATHS.

All ages and all causes.

There were 31 deaths 14 male and 17 females - again this year and 23 of the 31 were over 65 years of age.

Number of deaths and rates per 1,000 population

	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rates.</u>
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>	
Tuberculosis	0	0	0.0
Diphtheria	0	0	0.0
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0.0
Cancer	0	5	2.51
Vascular Lesions of nervous system	2	4	3.02
Coronary disease, Angina	3	2	2.51
Hypertension with heart disease	0	0	0.0
Other heart disease	3	4	3.52
Other Circulatory disease	0	0	0.0
Influenza	0	0	0.0
Pneumonia	0	0	0.0
Bronchitis	0	0	0.0
Other disease of respiratory system	1	1	1.01
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	0.50
Other defined and illdefined disease	4	1	2.51
Motor vehicle accidents	0	0	0.0
Other accidents	0.	0	0.0
Total	<u>14</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15.53</u>

Death rate per 1,000 population	-	Llandovery	15.57
		Carmarthenshire	14.37
		England & Wales	11.7

CANCER.

There were five deaths from Cancer

There were no deaths from Cancer of the lung or bronchus

Cancer death rates - Llandovery	-	2.51
Carmarthenshire	-	2.23
England & Wales	-	2.25

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (other than tuberculosis)

Twelve cases of measles were notified in the Borough during the year and 1007 cases in the whole Country. No other cases were notified.

DIPHTHERIA AND WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION.

Once again it is gratifying to be able to report that there were no cases of Diphtheria or Whooping Cough. Inoculations against these two diseases combined with tetanus were given by the family doctors and at the Infant Clinic, held on alternate Tuesday afternoons. Parents are advised to take the opportunity of protecting their children, particularly as a small, but increasing number of cases of diphtheria have occurred in many parts of the country during the year.

The number inoculated in the Borough during 1966 were :-

	<u>Under 5 years</u>	<u>5 - 14 yrs</u>	<u>Boosters.</u>
Triple Antigen	26	-	-
Diphtheria only	2	-	1
" and Tetanus	1	-	5

SMALL POX VACCINATION (Whole County)

	<u>No. Vaccinated</u>	<u>No. Revaccinated.</u>
Under 1 year	101	-
1 year	621	-
2 - 4	212	16
5 - 14	30	101
15 & over	15	77

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION (whole County)

Age Groups	Number of persons who have received	
	3 doses of oral vaccine	
Children born 1966		215
" " 1965		1026
" " 1964		279
" " 1963		31
Children born in years 1959-62		232
Others under sixteen		54
Total		1937
Number of persons / given reinforcing dose of oral vaccine		120

BCG Vaccination - (Whole County)

1. Contact Scheme

i) Number skin tested	-	200
ii) " found negative	-	142
iii) " vaccinated	-	125

2. School Children Scheme

i) Number skin tested	--	2070
ii) " found negative	-	1745
iii) " vaccinated		1663

TUBERCULOSIS

One new case of respiratory disease was notified in a male and one non-respiratory case in a female.

Case and death rates		Llandovery	Cardiganshire.
per 1,000 population			
Case rates	Respiratory	0.50	0.36
	Non "	0.50	0.03
Death rates	Respiratory	0.0	0.5
	Non "	0.0	0.1

The Mass Radiography Unit did not visit the Borough during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 se. 47.

No action was required during the year.

FACTORIES ACT.

1. - Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	10	12	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities	10	11	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	20	23	Nil	Nil

2. - Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Number of Cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	
	Found Remedied		Referred to H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness S.1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE P.H.I. FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1966.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen & Councillors,

I submit for your consideration the Annual
Report for the year ending 31st December 1966.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Tonn Borehole is the main source and 34,330,900 gallons of water were pumped from the borehole during 1966 an average of 94,000 gallons per day.

The water is treated with chlorine gas as a sterilizing agent and lime in order to increase the hardness of the water and so prevent excessive corrosion of pipes, fittings etc.

The old Cynnant supply is still operating, supplying about 9,000 gallons of water per day to the town and 37 properties along the course of the main from Cynnant to the service reservoir at Llanfair. Due to corrosion of this main the supply is now inadequate to some properties in the higher reaches.

SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

A partially separate system of sewerage is installed. During periods of rain there is a considerable run off from roofs and paved areas entering the sewers. This excess effluent is then pumped directly to the river Bran from the pumping station.

Due to seepage of ground water into the sewers the quantity of effluent treated at the disposal works is constantly in excess of the designed minimum or norm.

The sewerage system covers the town comprehensively but one low lying area to the West of the town where there has been building during this year is not sewered and two areas a short distance from the town are not sewered. These houses are sewered by septic tank systems or cesspools. There is an arrangement whereby the Llandeilo R.D.C. empty cesspools and are reimbursed by Council.

REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL.

Household and trade refuse is collected weekly. Bins are put out by householders for collection. The Llandeilo R.D.C. tip near Bethlehem was used throughout the year. Planning permission was obtained for a tip at Bailyglas.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

Six discretionary improvement schemes to a total value of £4,374 were approved. The total value of grants on the six properties was £2,065. Two standard grants to a total value of £300 were approved.

SURRENDERED FOODSTUFFS.

The following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption and voluntarily surrendered during the year.

22½ lbs Tinned ham
38 lbs Tinned fruit
150 lbs Fresh pork

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Your obedient Servant,

H. Thomas,

Public Health Inspector.

